The Story of American Freedom

“To Call It Freedom”

**Directions:** Answer the following questions using the reading from The Story of American Freedom.

1. What three populations of people does the Constitution identify?
   1. When does the Constitution refer to these groups? (look at your Constitution) (write down sections)
2. What is the difference between ethnic nationalism and civic nationalism?
3. How do Americans view citizenship in the early days of the United States?
4. How does the Constitution define a citizen? How did the Naturalization Act of 1790 change that definition? After the Naturalization of 1790, who is eligible to be a citizen?
5. How did the founding fathers (Madison and Jefferson) feel about who should be allowed citizenship and how did these beliefs manifest in their actions?
6. How did were women and blacks denied citizenship? How did women and blacks fight against their lack of citizenship?
7. Define “republican motherhood”.
8. What did the existence of slavery and reactions to slave rebellions reveal about the American definition of liberty and freedom?
9. What did the Gabriel conspiracy reveal about early American ideals of freedom and liberty?
10. How can the United States be an empire of slavery AND freedmen?
11. What is Foner’s claim (thesis)?
12. **Highlight** three sentences in the reading that best explain and/or prove Foner’s argument.